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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report-June 2004

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Report Highlights:

India took 69 percent and China took 14 percent of the total Burmese beans and pulses exports. Exports to China and Thailand are mostly through border trade. Trading activities are strong due to increased export activities and firm foreign exchange rate.

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Trade

During June, Burma exported 98,906 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses. Matpe comprised 36 percent, Toor Whole (Pigeon Pea) 28 percent and Mung beans 18 percent of the total beans and pulses export. The major destination was India who took 69 percent of the total beans and pulses export. June's exports decreased 2 percent from last June in 2003.

Bangladesh - a total of 299 mt of beans and pulses exported:
230 mt of Mung beans
69 mt of Cowpea

Belgium – a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:
24 mt of Mung beans

China – a total of 13,881 mt of beans and pulses exported:
13,881 mt of Mung beans

Dubai - a total of 230 mt of beans and pulses exported:
230 mt of Matpe

Germany - a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:
23 mt of Kidney beans

India - a total of 68,266 of beans and pulses exported:
33,283 mt of Matpe
2,799 mt of Mung beans
521 mt of Black eye beans
22 mt of Bamboo beans
2,798 mt of Chickpeas
27,616 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon Pea)
1,127 mt of Kidney beans
100 mt of Butter beans

Indonesia – a total of 69 mt of beans and pulses exported:
69 mt of Brown beans

Israel – a total of 42 mt of beans and pulses exported:
42 mt of Kidney beans

Japan - a total of 2,158 mt of beans and pulses exported:
452 mt of Matpe
1, 476 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
230 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon Pea)

Malaysia - a total of 366 mt of beans and pulses exported:
207 mt of Matpe
44 mt of Mung beans
115 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon Pea)

Netherlands – a total of 22 mt of beans and pulses exported:
15 mt of Matpe
7 mt of Mung beans

Pakistan - a total of 10,066 mt of beans and pulses exported:

56 mt of Matpe
172 mt of Mung beans
8,309 mt of Black eye beans
1,529 mt of Chickpeas

Spain – a total of 42 mt of beans and pulses exported:

42 mt of Butter beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 1,117 mt of beans and pulses exported:

976 mt of Matpe
141 mt of Mung beans

Singapore - a total of 429 mt of beans and pulses exported:

273 mt of Matpe
156 mt of Mung beans

Thailand - a total of 1,522 mt of beans and pulses exported:

179 mt of Matpe
8 mt of Mung beans
1,335 mt of Cowpea

U.A.E – a total of 115 mt of beans and pulses exported:

115 mt of Black eye beans

United Kingdom - a total of 235 mt of beans and pulses exported:

2 mt of Matpe
233 mt of Mung beans

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2003	2004
January	43,885	59,450
February	65,471	82,143
March	70,011	131,179
April	88,772	129,001
May	51,591	139,895
June	100,893	98,906
July	107,520	
August	87,198	
September	100,575	
October	99,008	
November	36,638	
December	38,493	
TOTAL	890,055	640,574

Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met in May 2004 are:

FAQ= Fair Average Quality

SQ= Super Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 200

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 245

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 270

Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) (FAQ) US\$ 330

Note: Average exchange rate – US \$1.00 = Kyat 944

Market Situation

In the first two weeks of June, the new beans and pulses crop flows into the Binyintnaung wholesale market in Rangoon have been strong but started to slow down in the latter weeks. Yields are low due to bad weather. Trading activities are lively due to increased export activities and a firmer foreign exchange rate, with trading in Matpe more active than the other beans and pulses. India, which normally takes 80 percent of the total beans and pulses export, took only 69 percent this month. China became the second major buyer, taking 14 percent of the total Burmese beans and pulses export. Beans and Pulses export to China and also Thailand are mostly via border trade.

Confirmed trading sources said that Burma faces strong competition from Canada on quality and price. India has increased procurement of Canadian beans and pulses lately since the quality is reportedly much better and prices are much more competitive.

End of Report.